Instruction Manual

Juror & Witness Payment Reconciliation

Accessing OLAJPlus FY07-FYXX

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Juror/Witness Reconciliation using OLAJPlus

Log into the Data Warehouse at http://datawarehouse.utah.gov/index.htm. Bookmark this address in your Favorites.

You are at the main menu of OLAJPlus. OLAJ is the On-line Accounting Journal that you can use to set up and run Web Queries to obtain data for specific purposes and perform Warrant Lookups.

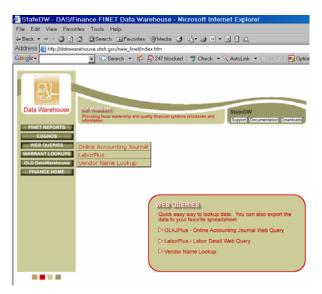
Note: To find transactions for:

FY95-FY06, click on DataWarehouse FY07 forward, click on StateDW



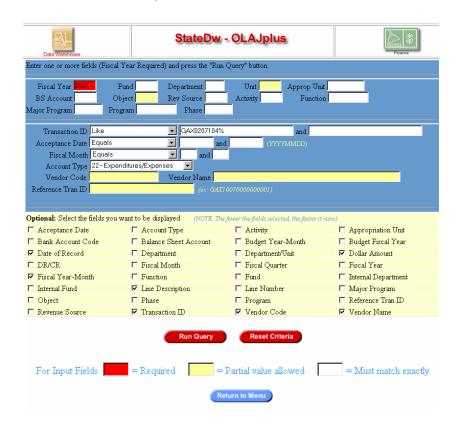
To run queries for FY07 forward, click on **StateDW** to obtain current information.

You are at the main menu of the Data Warehouse. Click on the **Web Queries** button. Then, click on **Online Accounting Journal**.



To set up a Web Query to perform Juror/Witness reconciliation:

- 1. In the top section (blue) of the form:
 - In the red box, enter the **Fiscal Year** you are working in;
 - **Transaction ID** drop-down box, choose **Like** and enter GAX0207(1 for jurors or 5 for witnesses)(Your Location Code)%;¹
 - **Fiscal Month** you can choose a specific month or you can run a query for several months. Choose **Between** from the Fiscal Month drop-down box to run multiple months. Enter the fiscal months to reconcile for several months, i.e., 08 and 09 or enter one month, i.e.,
 - Account Type drop-down box, choose 22-Expenditures/Expenses
- 2. In the bottom section (yellow) of the form check: **Date of Record**, **Dollar Amount**, **Fiscal Year-Month**, **Line Description**, **Transaction ID**, **Vendor Code**, and **Vendor Name**. Uncheck anything else that is checked by default.
- 3. Click the **Run Query** Button.



FYI: Upon exiting OLAJPlus, all the changes you have made will be saved. You will need to modify the query, i.e., Fiscal Month to reconcile or to switch between juror (1) and witness (5) payments.

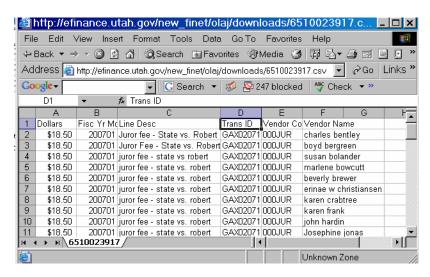
¹GAX = General Accounting Expenditure, 020 = Court's Agency Number, 7 = Fiscal Year, 1 = Juror Code, 5 = Witness Code; Location Code = Specific to court location (See prefix numbers located in the reconciliation guidelines section of these instructions), % = The rest of the transaction number associated with a payment.

You will get the data requested.

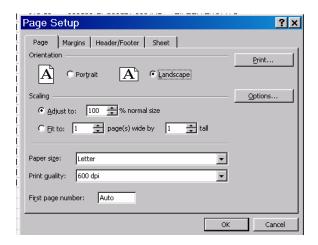
4. If you want to export the data, click on the **Export** button at the bottom of the screen.



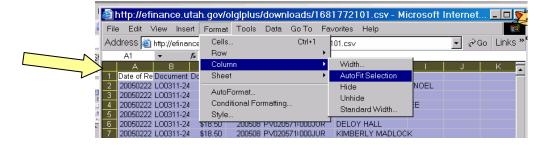
5. The data is exported to an Excel spreadsheet. To make sure all data fits on the page, choose **File** ⇒ **Page Setup**.



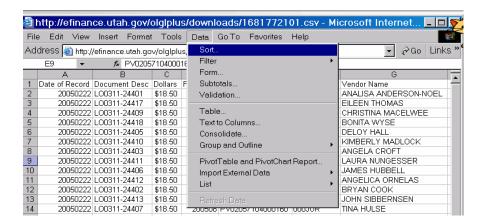
6. From Page Setup, click on **Landscape** then click **OK**.



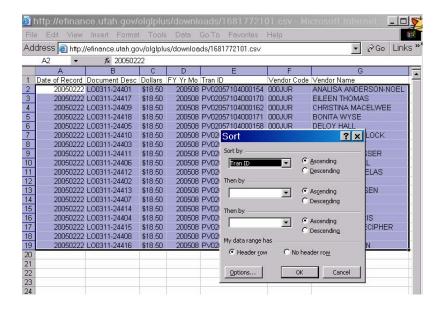
7. Click on the space between Column A and Row 1 to highlight the entire spreadsheet. Choose **Format** ⇒ **Column** ⇒ **AutoFit Selection**.



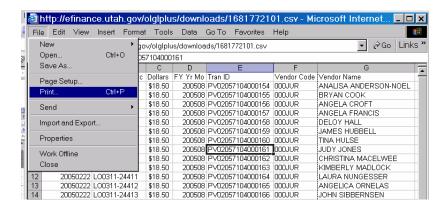
8. Choose a cell anywhere inside the data. Choose **Data** \Rightarrow **Sort**.



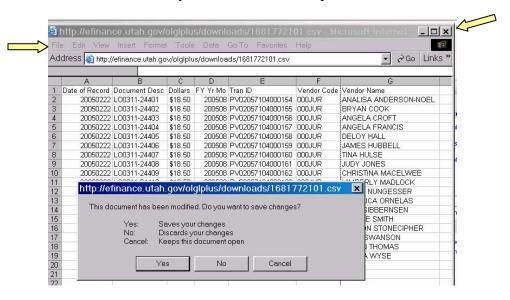
9. From the "Sort by" drop-down box choose **Tran ID**. The Ascending button is marked by default. Click **OK**.



10. Choose **File** ⇒ **Print**. **FYI:** You may want to type or write the month on the spreadsheet in case you need to refer to it later.



11. Close the spreadsheet – **File** \Rightarrow **Close**, or click on the **x** in the upper-right corner. Choose "**No**" when asked if you want to save the spreadsheet.



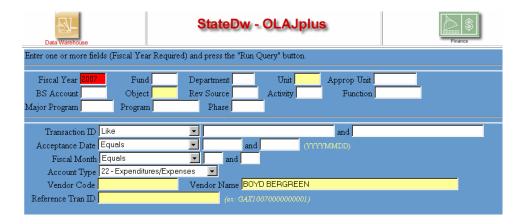
12. Click on the **Return to Menu** button. This will take you back to the Main Menu so you can modify the query.

SQL Statement = select Amount as 'Dollars', Fiscal_Year_Period as 'Fisc Yr Mo', Line_Description as 'Line Desc', Tran_ID as 'Trans ID', Vendor_Customer as Vendor Code', Vendor_Customer_Name as 'Vendor Name' from Accounting_Journal where Fiscal_Year = '2007' and UPPER(Tran_ID) like 'GAX0207151%' and Account_Type = '22' order by Vendor_Customer, Tran_ID

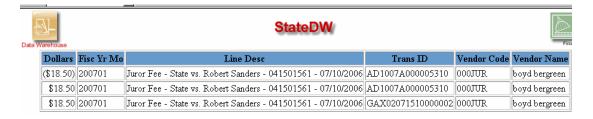


To find a juror/witness, remove the Transaction ID number and the Fiscal Month. Enter the name of the Juror or Witness you are looking for in the Vendor Name box. The spelling must be exactly in the form it was entered by the payment clerk or you will not get any information back. You may want to reference the jury list or the subpoena to obtain the correct spelling. You could choose to enter in the first name only and get a number of entries relating to a number of juror/witness payments statewide.

Example: Enter the Juror/Witness name.



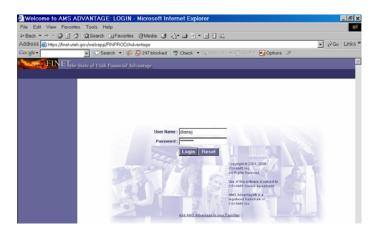
Click Run Query. You will receive the requested information.



If a juror/witness reports that a FINET vendor payment has been lost or mutilated, the juror/witness needs to fill out the "Lost Check Replacement Form" and fax/mail it to the Division of Finance – Disbursement Section. The Lost Check Replacement Form is available in the Appendix/Forms section of the Utah State Courts Accounting Manual.

First, you need to find the check number for the payment.

- 1. Either obtain the GAX number for the payment from the payment clerk or perform a FIND query in OLAJPlus. You will want to verify that a payment has been made and that the check has not cleared before taking steps to have another check cut. (For example purposes, we will use the GAX number from the previous section. Boyd Bergreen, GAX02071510000002.)
- 2. Go to https://finet.utah.gov. Enter your user name and password. Press Enter.

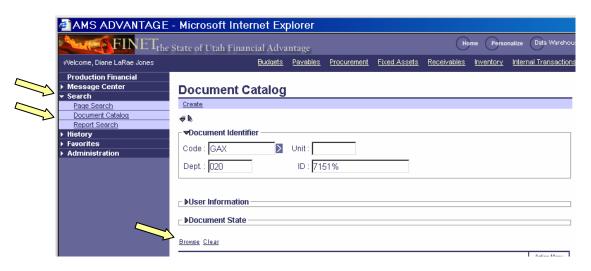


3. Click on Search ⇒ Document Catalog. Next, enter:

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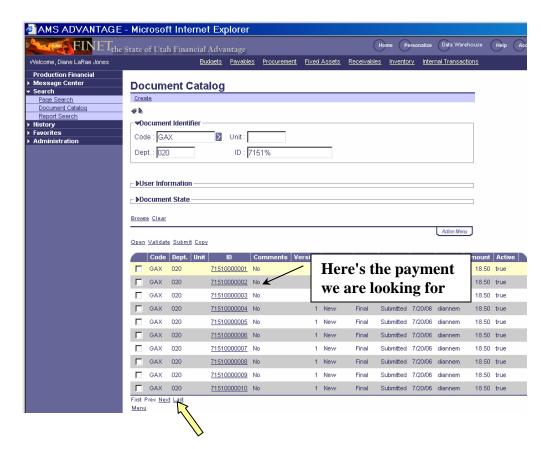
ID: 71(Location Code)%

Click on Browse or press the Enter key.

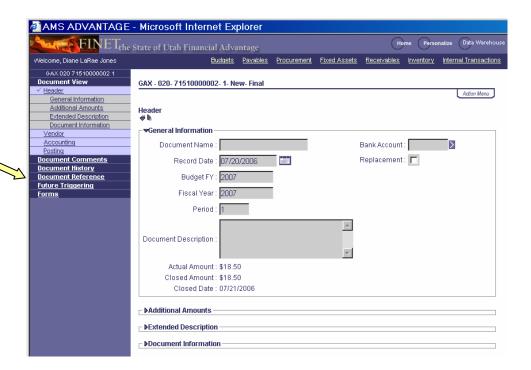


Lost or Mutilated Juror/Witness Vendor Payments

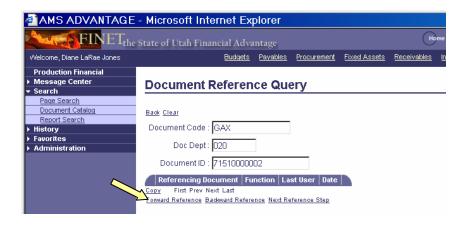
Locate the GAX number. Click on <u>Next</u> or <u>Last</u> to move through the payments. Click on the underlined ID number.



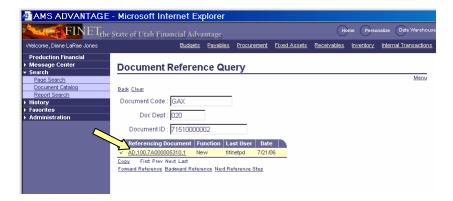
Click on Document Reference



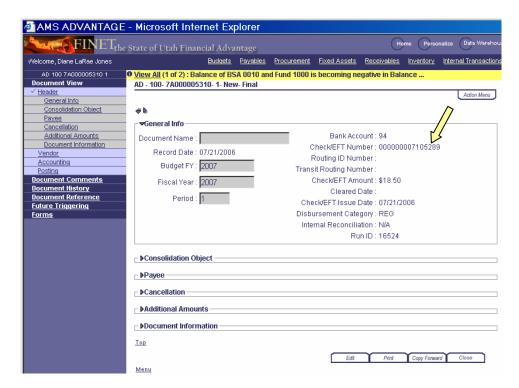
Click on Forward Reference



Click on the underlined Referencing Document

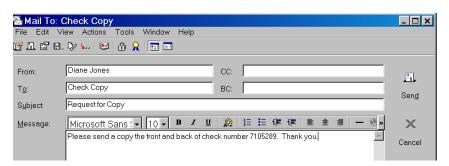


The Check/EFT Number is the check number. At the present time, call 538-3200 to obtain the Cleared Date.



Lost or Mutilated Juror/Witness Vendor Payments

A copy of the check can be requested through GroupWise. Enter "Check Copy" in the To: box. In the Message box, request the check number you need a copy of.



If the check has been cashed, you will receive a copy of the check as an attachment. Double-click on the attachment to open and print a copy of the check.

JUROR PAYMENT RECONCILIATION GUIDELINES

- 1. Request the prior month's file folders containing the *juror lists* supporting *juror* payments maintained by the Juror/Witness Payment Entry Clerk(s).
- 2. On the last day of the following month, print the OLAJPlus Datasheet listing all the prior month's juror payments. All the prior month juror payments should have been processed by the end of the following month and included in the OLAJPlus Query. The information on the reports should be chronological within the month.
- 3. Reference the sample *Juror/Witness Instructions* at the end of this document to select the number of payments to reconcile.
- 4. Reconcile the juror payments by tracing each name on each juror list on file to the corresponding entry on the monthly Juror Payment OLAJPlus Datasheet.
 - Match the Document number (GAX020971...) written on the summons or juror list to the TRANSACTION ID number (GAX020971....) on the Datasheet. Make note of any TRANSACTION ID or Document numbers found to be missing or out of consecutive order.
 - Next, compare the information on the juror list to the corresponding payment on the Datasheet to determine if the amount of the payment is correct. Consider whether the payment was for the first attendance and/or subsequent day(s) of attendance.
 - Consider if mileage was paid. Determine if the mileage payment was calculated correctly.
 - Match the juror's name on the juror list to the Vendor/Provider Name listed on the Datasheet.
 - Match the Invoice number written next to the juror's name on the juror list to the Document Description Number listed on the Datasheet.
 - ✓ <u>For Juror Payments</u> the Document Description number, the court can reference the case number, the individual juror number, month/year/4digits/districtcode, etc.
 - Examine the Datasheet to determine that each juror was paid only one payment for each day of service.
 - Document any payments listed on the Datasheet that are not supported by a name on a juror list on file.
 - At the end of the Datasheet, document any juror(s) name on a list without a corresponding payment. Bring this to the supervisor's attention.
 - Enter a number from the legend below in the Results Column for each juror payment transaction reconciled on the Datasheet. Bring errors or irregularities to a supervisor's attention.
 - Document the steps taken to resolve the problems identified; i.e., training, contacting AOC Finance for assistance; request for audit, etc.

- Upon completion of the juror payment's monthly reconciliation, the reconciler must date and sign the bottom of the Datasheet.
- Maintain a file of the reconciled Juror Payment Reports by month for AOC Finance and audit purposes.

JUROR PAYMENT RECONCILIATION RESULTS (LEGEND)

For each payment, write the applicable numbers(s)² in the results column on the datasheet:

- 1. Payment correct and supported by juror list.
- 2. Payment for appearance appears to be calculated incorrectly.
- 3. Payment for mileage appears to be calculated incorrectly.
- 4. Juror was paid more than one payment for one day of service.
- 5. Invoice number on the juror list does not match the Document Description number on the OLAJPlus datasheet.
- 6. Payment listed on the datasheet is not supported by a juror list. This could indicate:
 - The juror should not have been paid; or
 - A juror payment from another court is listed on the OLAJPlus datasheet because the incorrect 2-digit prefix number was entered by the payment clerk. (The GAX number and the document description would not match the sequence on the datasheet. If the document description provides enough information to determine that the payment belongs to another court, notify the court so their records reference the correct GAX number.) Bring this discovery to the attention of a supervisor.
- 7. Document any juror on a list where a corresponding payment is not on the datasheet. This could indicate:
 - The juror has not been paid; or
 - The payment clerk entered another court's 2-digit prefix number and it is on another court's OLAJPlus datasheet.
 - To determine if the juror was paid but another court's prefix was used:

Log into OLAJPlus through the internet: In the Vendor Name box, enter the juror's name. Go to page 7 for instructions on retrieving and performing this query.

If the payment was made, but the incorrect 2-digit prefix number was entered, the payment information will be displayed. Notify the court so their records reference the GAX number where the payment was charged. Bring to the attention of a supervisor.

² The Results Legend may not be all inclusive.

WITNESS PAYMENT RECONCILIATION GUIDELINES

- 1. Request the prior month's file folder containing *witness* subpoenas supporting *witness* payments maintained by the Juror/Witness Payment Entry Clerk(s).
- 2. Optionally, the reconciler may use a copy of a local log of payments, if the log has been locally verified and signed.
- 3. On the last day of the following month, print the OLAJPlus Datasheet listing all the prior month's witness payments. All the prior month witness payments should have been processed by the end of the following month and included in the OLAJPlus Query. The information on the Datasheet should be chronological within the month.
- 4. Reconcile the witness payments by tracing each subpoena on file to the corresponding entry on the monthly Witness Payment reports.
 - Match the Document number (GAX020975......) written on the subpoena to the TRANSACTION ID on the Datasheet. Make note of document numbers or TRANSACTION ID numbers found to be missing or out of consecutive order.
 - Next, compare the information on the subpoena to the corresponding payment on the Datasheet to determine if the amount of the payment is correct. Consider whether the payment was for the first attendance and/or subsequent day(s) of attendance.
 - Consider if mileage was paid. Determine if the mileage payment was calculated correctly.
 - Determine if the subpoena was signed by the attorney authorizing the payment (certified).
 - Match the witness's name listed on the subpoena to the Vendor/Provider Name listed on the Datasheet for agreement.
 - Match the Invoice number written on the subpoena to the Document Description number (month/year/4digits/districtcode) listed on the OLAJPlus reports.
 - Examine the Datasheet to determine that each witness was paid one payment only for each day of service.
 - Document any payments listed on the Datasheet that are not supported by a subpoena on file.
 - At the end of the Datasheet, document any subpoenas on file without a corresponding payment listed on the Datasheet. Bring this to the supervisor's attention.
 - Enter a number from the legend below in the Results Column for each juror payment transaction reconciled on the Datasheet. Bring errors or irregularities to a supervisor's attention.
 - Document the steps taken to resolve the problems identified; i.e., training, contacting AOC Finance for assistance; request for audit, etc.
 - Upon completion of the witness payment monthly reconciliation, date and sign the bottom of the Datasheet to indicate the date and employee reconciling witness payments.
 - Maintain a file of the reconciled Witness Payment Reports by month for AOC Finance and audit purposes.

WITNESS PAYMENT RECONCILIATION RESULTS (LEGEND)

For each payment, write the applicable number(s)³ in the Results Column on the datasheet:

- 1. Payment is Correct and Supported by Witness Subpoena.
- 2. Payment for appearance appears to be calculated incorrectly.
- 3. Payment for mileage appears to be calculated incorrectly.
- 4. Witness was paid more than one payment for one day of service.
- 5. Subpoena is not signed by attorney (certified for payment).
- 6. Invoice number on the Witness Subpoena does not match the document description number on the OLAJPlus Datasheet.
- 7. Payment listed on the Datasheet is not supported by a Witness Subpoena. This could indicate:
 - The witness should not have been paid;
 - A witness payment from another court is listed on the OLAJPlus Datasheet because the incorrect 2-digit prefix number was entered by a payment clerk. (The GAX number and the Document Description would not match the sequence on the Datasheet. If the Document Description provides enough information to determine that the payment belongs to another court, notify the court so their records reference the correct GAX number.) Bring to the Attention of a Supervisor.
- 8. Document any witness subpoena(s) where a corresponding payment is not on the Datasheet. This could indicate:
 - The witness has not been paid;
 - The payment clerk entered another court's 2-digit prefix number and it is on another court's OLAJPlus Datasheet. Bring to the Attention of a Supervisor.
 - To determine if the witness was paid but another court's prefix was used:

Log into OLAJPlus through the internet: In the Vendor Name box, enter the juror's name. Go to page 7 for instructions on retrieving and performing this query.

If the payment was made, but the incorrect 2-digit prefix number was entered, the payment information will be displayed. Notify the court so their records reference the GAX number where the payment was charged. Bring to the attention of a supervisor.

³ The Results Legend may not be all-inclusive.

Payment Clerk: Undeliverable Juror/Witness Payments

The court should keep a log of all undeliverable juror/witness payments. The check is returned to the State Capitol, then sent to AOC Finance. AOC Finance records all pertinent information from the check in a spreadsheet then sends \Rightarrow the check to the payment clerk that processed the payment.

The payment clerk should maintain a log locally of all checks returned by the AOC Finance Department. An example of the Undeliverable Juror/Witness Payment Log is included on page 15. If the payment clerk obtains a new address and sends the check a second time, they need to contact AOC Finance (Lou Ann 578-3886) so the AOC Finance spreadsheet can be updated. If the payment clerk cannot locate a new address, the check should be secured until 1 year past the issue date at which time the clerk should shred the check. State Finance automatically stale dates the checks after 1 year and sends the information to the Division of Unclaimed Property. The court does not have to process anything for unclaimed checks. (See Appendix B Flow Chart)

- 1. All Juror/Witness Checks returned to the court as undeliverable are recorded on a log chronologically by the payment clerk and a witness. The log should include:
 - The date returned undeliverable to the court;
 - The payee's name (juror or witness);
 - The check number;
 - The date the check was issued;
 - The amount of the check;
 - The date the check was re-sent to the juror/witness;
 - The date destroyed by shredding;
 - The new address of payer if re-sent;
 - The initials of the clerk that re-sent or destroyed the check;
 - The name of the clerk preparing log;
 - The name of the clerk witnessing the preparation of the log.
- 2. Keep the log on file for verification purposes.
- 3. The undeliverable Juror/Witness checks should be secured in a locked device, separate from other cash funds, until the check(s) is re-sent to the recipient or destroyed after one year. All checks/warrants issued for juror or witness payment are automatically stale dated after one year and are sent to the Division of Unclaimed Property by State Finance. The clerk should shred all juror/witness checks over 1 year old and note the date shred on the Undeliverable Juror/Witness Payment Log.
- 4. The undelivered checks and the log need to be verified monthly by the Juror/Witness Payment Reconciler. The verification should be performed in the presence of the clerk serving as custodian over the undeliverable juror/witness checks.

RECONCILIATION: VERIFY UNDELIVERABLE JUROR/WITNESS PAYMENTS MONTHLY

- 1. Monthly, request the log of undeliverable juror/witness payment checks from the Juror/Witness Payment Clerk. Make a copy of the log to document the verification.
- 2. In the Juror/Witness Payment Clerk's presence, match the checks listed on the log to the actual checks secured in the clerk's locked device. Determine that all checks in the locked device are listed on the log as not being re-sent or destroyed. After one year from the issue date, the checks should be shred.
- 3. Make a check mark next to each check listed on the log to evidence that it was accounted for during the verification.
- 4. Document any errors or irregularities and bring them to a supervisor's attention. Document the steps taken to resolve the problems identified; i.e., training, contacting AOC Finance for assistance, request for audit, etc.
- 5. Upon completion of the monthly verification, date and sign the bottom of the log.
- 6. Keep the verified copies of the log in a separate file for management and audit purposes.

UNDELIVERABLE JUROR/WITNESS PAYMENT LOG

DATE CHECK RETURNED	Payee's Name	Check Number	Date Check Issued	Check Amount	Date Check Re-Sent or Destroyed After 1 year	Re-sent to:	By:

Prepared by	: Witnessed b	v:

District Courts

2-Digit Prefix Number Entered in the GAX Number

1 st District	Prefix No.
Box Elder	01
Rich	03
Cache	04

2 nd District	Prefix No.
Weber	20
Davis	22
Bountiful	23
Layton	24
Morgan	25

3rd District	Prefix No.
Tooele	33
West Jordan	34
Park City	36
Salt Lake	39

4th District	Prefix No.
Utah County	40
American Fork	41
Orem	42
Salem	43
Spanish Fork	44
Juab	45
Millard	46
Wasatch	47

5th District	Prefix No.
Iron County	50
Washington	51
Beaver	52

6th District	Prefix No.
Sevier	60
Garfield	62
Kane	63
Piute	64
Sanpete	65
Wayne	66

7th District	Prefix No.
Carbon	70
Grand	71
Emery	72
San Juan	73

8th District	Prefix No.
Uintah	80
Roosevelt	82
Duchesne	83
Daggett	84

Juvenile Courts

2-Digit Prefix Number Entered in the GAX Number

1 st Juvenile	Prefix No.
Brigham	02
Logan	05

2 nd Juvenile	Prefix No.	
Farmington	10	
Ogden	11	

3rd Juvenile	Prefix No.
Salt Lake	15
West Jordan	16
Tooele	17
Summit	18

4th Juvenile	Prefix No.	
Provo	94	
Orem	95	
Fillmore	96	
Nephi	97	
Heber	98	

5th Juvenile	Prefix No.
Cedar	53
St. George	54
Beaver	55

6th Juvenile	Prefix No.
Richfield	61
Manti	67
Kanab	68

7th Juvenile	Prefix No.	
Castle Dale	75	
Monticello	76	
Price	77	
Moab	74	

8th Juvenile	Prefix No.
Vernal	81
Duchesne	85
Roosevelt	86

Juror/Witness Payment Reconciliation Sampling Instructions

Non-Statistical Sample: Judgment Selection

Judgment sample selection is based on sound and seasoned judgment. Three basic issues determine which items are selected:

- 1. *Value of items*. A sufficient number of high-dollar items should be included to provide adequate coverage. Example: Include payment transactions greater than \$18.50 and \$49.50.
- 2. *Relative risk*. Items prone to error due to their nature should be given special attention. Examples include complex transactions such as payments including juror/witness fee for several days plus mileage.
- 3. *Representativeness*. Besides value and risk considerations, the sample should provide a breadth of coverage over all types of transactions in the population.

<u>Consideration</u>: When a voided check is included in the sample, it should be replaced with a new item. A voided check will appear on the OLAJPlus Datasheet as a credit amount. A credit amount is displayed as a negative number or a number within brackets. For example, a negative \$18.50 is displayed on the OLAJPlus Datasheet as –18.50 or (\$18.50). Negative payment amounts usually occur when individuals send the juror/witness checks back to the courts.

Checks could be returned because a juror or witness receives a duplicate payment, the law enforcement officer was on duty when serving as a witness, etc. Checks are to be sent to Lou Ann Miller, AOC Finance. She forwards these to State Finance to be voided.

Select the sample based on the total number of payments in a month by payment type (juror or witness). Select the sample of payments to reconcile based on the following table:

Line No.	Column 1	Column 2
	Total Number of Payments in Month ⁴	Reconciliation Sample Size
1	1-25	100%
2	1-50	25
3	51-99	Total Number Payments x .5 = Sample Size
4	100-500	50
5	501-600	60
6	601-700	70
7	701-800	80
8	801-900	90
9	901-1000	100
10	1001-1100	110
11	1101-1200	120

⁴ How to find the number of payments:

¹⁻The number of payment records is displayed in the bottom left-hand corner of the OLAJPlus Inquiry screen after a Query is performed.

²⁻Or, a column can be added to the left of the Excel Spreadsheet and each row (payment) can be numbered.

Juror/Witness Payment Reconciliation Sampling Instructions

EXAMPLES

Sample Selection: 1 - 50 payments in a month

The number of witness payments for 1/1/99 - 1/31/99 equals 41. Using the table above, the number of payments is found in Column 1, *Total number of Payments in Month*, Line No. 1. The reconciliation sample size is 25 witness payments.

Sample Selection: 51 - 99 payments in a month

The number of juror payments for 1/1/99 - 1/31/99 equals 63. Using the table above, the number of payments is found in Column 1, *Total number of Payments in Month*, Line No. 2. The formula to determine the sample size is 63 x .5 = 31.5. Round the number up and the reconciliation sample size is 32 juror payments.

Sample Selection: 100-500 payments in a month

The number of witness payments for 12/1/98 - 12/31/98 equals 241. Using the table above, the number of payments is found in Column 1, *Total number of Payments in Month*, Line No. 3. The reconciliation sample size is 50 witness payments.